

There is no such thing as exposing anything vulgar to a real refined and sensible nature, but we have to truckle to some small mental visions that cannot realize the wonderful purity in high-brow conceptions.—John Welch.

TRANSITION.—Phenomenal changes are taking place. To what it all portends no one knows. It is, however, quite reasonable to hope it means a great evolutionary epoch. The chains that have bound us to the dead past have rusted to the breaking point and are fading away. The darkness of law and gospel are flying before the sunlight of truth.

The changes coming to man are unthinkable to us now. The fears engendered by the old lies proclaimed to us in the name of God, that have made us all hedgers and dodgers, liars and hypocrites, are all to disappear. Our increased sentience to the impress of goodness and truth will alter the quality of human conduct. Suspicion, that natural product of fear, will no longer lurk in anyone. All other forms of life will cease to look askance or with fear and dread at the approach of man.

The lion and the lamb shall lie down in peace together. And, best of all, when the curse of the law is gone the hand of no man will be arrayed against his brother. The law and gospel with all their filthy adjuncts are to go into the dust pile of oblivion. The freedom from those errors, which have been incident to racial ignorance on our way through life, means a character of existence of which none but the inspired poets have caught the slightest suggestion. They are more susceptible to the impress of truth than others. In some way they are in harmony with the music of the spheres. The mass of us are in a frightful discord. The reason, however, is obvious. We have been taught only the discord. The dominating influence over our lives, viz., law and gospel, having as-

sumed the province of nature—the law of the Creator, how could we escape the conflict.

Of course, there is but little semblance between myself and what these words depict.

Man is difficult to change. He has a miserable lot of barnacles on his mind as well as his bodily habits to overcome. Still nature is carrying us all along. Even the law and gospel sharks are somehow to undergo a transformation, slowly to be sure. Many have said they never could be made over except into a bowl of chop suey for the devil. Yet in nature's laboratory they may be disinfected and his Satanic majesty be deprived of that Christian imitation of a Chinese delicacy. If that be true it may convince the most incredulous that the present is indeed a time of phenomenal transition.—I. N. Albright.

SCHOOL MILITARISM.—The idea which must be suggested to those who receive military instruction is that they owe a service to their country. Their sense of service need not be limited to that of an obligation to fight for it. If properly given the instruction will suggest to them that kind of service is so little likely to be demanded of them that they must find other means of serving if their patriotism is not to become atrophied for the want of exercise. This is one of our larger troubles now—if not an atrophied patriotism, at least one sluggish for the lack of exercise.

There is plenty of patriotism of the kind that responds to the bugle call, but rather less than is needed of the kind that is ready to serve the government in time of peace.

The idea that the government is a thing to be exploited rather than a thing to be served is getting to be rather conventional. May it not be that military instruction can be given in a way that will prevent this idea from taking root in minds of those who are to be the young men of the next generation? It seems to me it